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INDO-ISRAEL COOPERATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Israel have signed any agreement for cooperation in agriculture particularly irrigation, horticulture, agro tech and dairy sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost agriculture production in cooperation with Israel?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): An Agreement was signed between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of Israel for cooperation in the field of agriculture on December, 24th 1993.

Under the above Agreement,a Work Plan has been signed on 10th May,2006 for cooperation in the field of agriculture for years 2006-2008.The Work Plan provides for collaboration research in fertigation and soil-less culture for growing high value horticulture crops,development of techniques and facilities in energy efficient green house structures for semi arid tropical climate,studies in recycling of waste water for irrigation,input delivery and extension service system,post harvest management and value addition for fruits,vegetables and dairy products and dairy development through genetic improvement.

(c): An Action Plan for the period 2008-10 has been formulated to implement key activities within a definite time frame for producing tangible output.The Action Plan involves,Central Government,State Governments and Private Institutions.The core activities identified under the Action Plan are Water Resource Development,Horticulture Development and High value crops and technologies for Rural Households.